

Amendments to the Claims:

This listing of claims will replace all prior versions, and listings, of claims in the application:

1. (previously presented) A cordless telephone, comprising:
a remote handset;
a base unit matched to said remote handset; and
an MPEG audio player integrated within at least one of said remote handset and said base unit;

wherein said remote handset of said cordless telephone can switch between performing as a telephony device and performing as said MPEG audio player.

2. (previously presented) The cordless telephone according to claim 1, wherein:

said MPEG audio player is integrated within said remote handset.

3. (canceled)

4. (previously presented) The cordless telephone according to claim 1, wherein:

said MPEG audio player is an MP3 player.

5. (previously presented) The cordless telephone according to claim 2, wherein:

said MPEG audio player is an MP3 player.

6. (canceled)

7. (canceled)

8. (canceled)

9. (previously presented) A method of integrating an MPEG audio player in a cordless telephone, comprising:

connecting a base unit of said cordless telephone to a public switched telephone network (PSTN);

playing MP3 music from a remote handset of said cordless telephone; and

muting said playing of said pre-loaded MP3 music when said remote handset is active in a current telephone call.

10. (previously presented) The method of integrating an MPEG audio player in a cordless telephone according to claim 9, wherein:

said muting pauses said playing of said pre-loaded MP3 music.

11. (canceled)

12. (canceled)

13. (canceled)

14. (previously presented) A method of integrating an MPEG audio player in a cordless telephone, comprising:

connecting a base unit of said cordless telephone to a public switched telephone network (PSTN);

playing MP3 music from a remote handset of said cordless telephone;

downloading digital bit stream music comprised in an MPEG format to said remote handset directly from a remote bit stream audio source; and

storing said downloaded digital bit stream music comprised in an MPEG format in said remote handset of said cordless telephone;

wherein said downloaded digital bit stream music comprised in an MPEG format is stored in Flash memory in said remote handset.

15. (previously presented) A method of integrating an MPEG audio player in a cordless telephone, comprising:

connecting a base unit of said cordless telephone to a public switched telephone network (PSTN);

playing MP3 music from a remote handset of said cordless telephone; and

downloading digital bit stream music comprised in an MPEG format to said remote handset directly from a remote bit stream audio source;

wherein said remote bit stream audio source is accessible by said remote handset via an Internet.

16. (canceled)

17. (canceled)

18. (canceled)

19. (previously presented) Apparatus for integrating an MPEG audio player in a cordless telephone, comprising:

means for playing pre-loaded MP3 music from a remote handset of a cordless telephone;

means for connecting a base unit of said cordless telephone to a public switched telephone network (PSTN); and

means for muting said playing of said pre-loaded MP3 music when said remote handset is active in a current telephone call.

20. (previously presented) The apparatus for integrating an MPEG audio player in a cordless telephone according to claim 19, wherein:

said means for muting pauses said playing of said pre-loaded MP3 music.

21. (canceled)

22. (canceled)

23. (canceled)

24. (previously presented) Apparatus for integrating an MPEG audio player in a cordless telephone, comprising:

means for playing pre-loaded MP3 music from a remote handset of a cordless telephone;

means for connecting a base unit of said cordless telephone to a public switched telephone network (PSTN);

means for downloading digital bit stream music comprised in an MPEG format to said remote handset directly from a remote bit stream audio source; and

means for storing said downloaded digital bit stream music comprised in an MPEG format in Flash memory in said remote handset of said cordless telephone.

25. (previously presented) Apparatus for integrating an MPEG audio player in a cordless telephone, comprising:

means for playing pre-loaded MP3 music from a remote handset of a cordless telephone;

means for connecting a base unit of said cordless telephone to a public switched telephone network (PSTN); and

means for downloading digital bit stream music comprised in an MPEG format to said remote handset directly from a remote bit stream audio source that is accessible by said remote handset via an Internet.

26. (canceled)

27. (canceled)

28. (previously presented) Apparatus for integrating an MPEG audio player in a cordless telephone, comprising:

means for playing pre-loaded MP3 music from a remote handset of a cordless telephone;

means for connecting a base unit of said cordless telephone to a public switched telephone network (PSTN);

means for downloading digital bit stream music comprised in an MPEG format to said remote handset directly from a remote bit stream audio source; and

means for decompressing MPEG formatted music into digital music samples for digital to analog output.

29. (previously presented) A cordless telephone, comprising:

means for playing pre-loaded MP3 music from a remote handset of a cordless telephone;

means for connecting a base unit of said cordless telephone to a public switched telephone network (PSTN); and

means for switching a remote handset of said cordless telephone from performing as a telephony device to performing as an MPEG audio player, said switching being initiated upon activation of a button on said remote handset of said cordless telephone.